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REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 22, and canceled Claim 24. Currently pending in the application therefore are Claims 1-23.

The Examiner objected to Claim 1 for incongruent titling. In response, Applicants have amended Claims 1-6 to call for a "riving knife assembly."

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 22 and 24 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,840,144 ("Huang"). The Examiner also rejected Claims 1, 22 and 34 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

As admitted by the Examiner, slots 82 of Huang are angled at 90 degrees to the table top. By contradistinction, Claims 1 and 22 require that the first and second slots be "inclined relative to and being substantially non-perpendicular to the work surface." Such arrangement is advantageous as it allows for easier and faster engagement and release of the riving knife to the saw assembly.

Being that Huang does not teach or suggest such arrangement, it cannot render unpatentable Claims 1 and 22, and their corresponding dependent claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 22 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,170,370 ("Sommerville"). The Examiner also rejected Claims 1, 22 and 34 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sommerville. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Sommerville does not disclose, teach or suggest any inclined slots for attaching the riving blade to the saw assembly. By contradistinction, Claims 1 and 22 require that the first and

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second slots be "inclined relative to and being substantially non-perpendicular to the work surface." Such arrangement is advantageous as it allows for easier and faster engagement and release of the riving knife to the saw assembly.

Being that Sommerville does not teach or suggest such arrangement, it cannot render unpatentable Claims 1 and 22, and their corresponding dependent claims.

The claims are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Allowance of Claims 1-23 is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

Respectfully submitted,



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